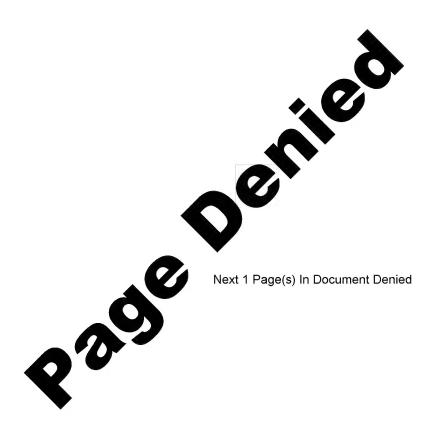
ILLEGIB



CLASSIFICATION Approved For Release 2008/10/30: CIA-RDP80-00810A007800340005-7

information report

CD NO."

25X1

25X1

COUNTRY

East Germany

DATE DISTR. 26 September 1955

SUBJECT

Conversion of Passanger Ship YURY DOLGORUKI

NO. OF PAGES

PLACE **ACQUIRED** into a Floring Wale Factoryship

NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

25X1



25X1

- On 4 June 1955, the conversion into a floating whale factory of the former S/S HAMBURG was discussed at the HV Schiffbau (Main Shipbuilding Administration). This conversion was declared priority order No 1 for the East German shipbuilding program. On 6 June 1955, a further conference dealing with this subject was held at the Warnow Werft (shipyard). The conferees were State Secretary Zieseniss (fnu). Deputy Minister Schaumburg (fnu), Heisse (fnu) head of the ceptual design bureau (ZEK) and representatives of the Warnow-Werft, including chief manager Friedrich Tops and other shipyard members.
- Effective at .0600 on 7 June 1955, the order to convert the former S/S HAWBURG into a passenger ship (similar to the former S/S HANSA) was cancelled. The S/S HALBURG was about 75 percent complete as a reconditioned passenger ship, and a total sum of between 120,000,000 and 150,000,000 DME had been spent on this reconditioning work. The reason that the ship must be converted into a floating whale factory is the lack of material needed for the new construction of such a ship.
- 3. The Zentrale Entwurfs- und Konstruktionsburo (Central Project and Design Office) (ZEK) has received orders to submit a complete preliminary project concerning her conversion into a whale factory by 30 September 1955. On approval of this preliminary project, work on the technical project would have to start without delay and be completed by the ZEK by 30 June 1956. The conversion of the ship will be executed by the Warnow-Werft, and the ship would have to be delivered between July and September 1958 so as to make it possible to employ her for the 1958/1959 whaling season. This floating whale factory would serve as a mother ship for a flotilla of 17 whalers. The processing plant is scheduled to have a daily capacity of 60 fin whales, weighing 50 tons each. The technical project was estimated to cost 1,500,000 DME for the Lime being.
- This new project would mean such an extensive task for the ZEK that several other projects would have to be postponed, including the train ferry for the East German Reichsbahn (national railroad) planned for the Warnemuende - Gedser traffic. Several Soviet special engineers will foin the ZEK in early June 1955 to assist in the drafting of the project. These experts Warnemuende - Gedser traffic. Several Soviet special engineers will have gained experience during several whaling expeditions in which they took part aboard the Soviet whale factory SLAVA.

CLASSIFICATION

S-B-C-R-E-T 25X1

X NAVY STATE #X NSRB ARMY # AIR # FBI

25X1

25X1

2	omment: Mean	ing not clear	. Either, s	ifter the	HAMBURG 1	s converte
or, similar	to HANSA's co	nversion.				
	,					2
	. ·					
	ŧ.					